



NEWS RELEASE

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Traffic Delays on SR 299 Near Montgomery Creek

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is currently working on a slope restoration project on State Route 299 near Montgomery Creek, resulting in some delays to the traveling public. Due to the complexity of the operation and the time necessary for loaded trucks to climb the steep grade, delays have sometimes exceeded 15 minutes. Efforts have been put in place to minimize and monitor the delays however motorists should anticipate longer travel times.

Work on this \$500,000 project includes the removal of material from the area of the roadway damaged during last winter's storms, the installation of rock to protect the slope, repair of the guard rail and storm drains. A large portion of the work is being conducted on the slope so workers are not always visible to the public; however, traffic control efforts must remain in place for the safety of the workers and the traveling public. Converse Construction, Inc. is the contractor for the project.

Work is anticipated for completion in mid to late November of this year. For more information please contact the Public Information Office at 225-3260.

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